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From: CN=Mary Goldade/OU=R8/O=USEPA/C=US
Sent: Tue 8/21/2012 8:39:48 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up to my phone msg. (Peer Review)

Thanks, Ayn. That's very helpful.

I would appreciate a quick follow-up. Are you available for a few minutes tomorrow morning?
Mary

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To: Mary Goldade/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
From: Ayn Schmit/R8/USEPA/US
Date: 08/21/2012 02:36PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up to my phone msg. (Peer Review)

Mary, Pavillion has been classified as ISI, but we made some commitments about the peer review process in a response to Congress several months ago as follows:

EPA classified the draft report as "Influential Scientific Information" (ISI) rather than a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA) because the Pavillion investigation is a single study rather than the type of broad assessment involving an evaluation of a body of scientific or technical knowledge that comprises a HISA (as defined by OMB). Such a classification, however, does not limit the rigor of the peer review. In recognition of the high profile of this investigation, the Agency is using the peer review procedures for the draft report that are equivalent to those required for a HISA, including higher standards for ensuring reviewer independence from the agency and making agency responses to the peer reviewers available to the public. In fact, EPA has gone one step beyond the HISA requirement of simply making the final peer review charge publicly available by soliciting public comments on the draft charge to the reviewers.

I'd be happy to talk further with you about it. I should not be the R8 contact for the National HF Study, though- I am not directly involved with the study. You may want to talk with Kate Fay re: whether she would want herself or someone else as the R8 contact for that HISA activity.

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Hi Ayn,

I'd like to touch base with you on peer review activities and ensure I have correctly captured your understanding of peer review related to hydraulic fracturing work.

Please see attached (See items I and V)

I am particularly interested in capturing who (name and Office) has been assigned the following roles for the 2 HISA projects.

Decision Maker
Peer Review Leader
Peer Review Coordinator

Can I set up a brief discussion with you for tomorrow?

Thanks much!

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